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SUBJ: ALGERIAN REACTION TO PRESS STATEMENT OF
SECDEF SCHLESINGER

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1. FOR SECOND DAY RUNNING, ALGERIAN MEDIA HAVE DIRECTED
HEAVY CRITICISM AT RECENT NEW STATEMENTS OF SECDEF
SHCLESINGER. IN FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL JAN 8 ENTITLED
"MR. SCHLESINGER AND HIS BIG STICK", EL MOUDJAHID
DESCRIBES STATEMENTS AS HAVING "CARRIED WORLD ONE AND A
HALF CENTURIES BACKWARD, TO HAYDAY OF MONROE DOCTRINE".
EDITORIAL WARNS THAT SECDEF'S "BRANDISHING THREAT OF USE
OF FORCE AGAINST ARAB COUNTRIES IF THEY DO NOT ADOPT
PETROLEUM POLICH TO WASHINGTON' LIKING" IS AN OFFICIAL
USG DECLARATION WHICH MUST NOT BE TA*EN LIGHTLY. IT THEN
GOES ON TO CONTRAST USG'S INTENTION TO DENY TO ARABS
RIGHT FREELY TO DISPOSE OF THEIR PETROLEUM RESOURCES
ON ONE HAND WITH ITS CONTINUING TO MAINTAIN INFLATED
PRICE OF SOME \$300 PER TON FOR WHEAT, THREE TIMES PRICE
OF TON OF PETROLEUM,WHEN ENTIRE POPULATIONS ARE STARVING.
AS CHIEFS OF STATE OF TWO BILLION INHABITANTS OF THE
EARTH DECIDED AT SEPTEMBER NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT IN ALGIERS,
EDITORIAL CONTINUES, TIME OF FORCED EXPLOITATION BY
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IMPERIALISM OF THIRD WORLD'S RESOURCES IS NOW PAST. IF

US RESORTS TO FORCE, "ALL THE GUNS OF ALL THE AMERICAN
FLEETS WILL NOT SUFFICE TO THE TASK".

2. EDITORIAL IN SAME VEIN IN JAN.7 ALGERIAN PRESS
SERVICE SEES IN SCHLESINGER STATEMENTS DECISION ON PART
OF US LEADERS TO CONTINUE ROLE AS WORLD POLICEMAN.
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